

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the Claims as follows.**

1 (previously amended): An organic EL device comprising:

1) a laminate consisting of an opposed pair of electrodes and an organic light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrode,

2) a gas-tight housing accommodating said laminate and shielding off the external atmosphere, and

3) a preformed moisture-absorbing body disposed in isolation from said laminate within said gas-tight housing, said preformed moisture-absorbing body being fixedly secured to at least one part of said gas-tight housing, and said preformed moisture-absorbing body comprising a desiccant and a resin component.

2 (canceled)

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3 (original): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said moisture-absorbing body is a body obtained by forming a mixture consisting of a desiccant and a resin component.

4 (previously amended): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the desiccant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of alkaline earth metal oxides and sulfate salts.

5 (previously amended): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is at least one kind of gas-permeable resin.

6 (canceled)

7 (original): A method of manufacturing an organic EL device comprising 1) a laminate consisting of an opposed pair of electrodes and an organic light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrodes, 2) a gas-tight housing accommodating said laminate and shielding off the external atmosphere and 3) a desiccating means disposed in isolation from said laminate within said gas-tight housing, characterized in that the method includes a first step comprising preparing a preformed moisture-absorbing body comprising a desiccant and a resin component and a second step comprising fixing said preformed moisture-absorbing body as desiccating means to at least one part of said gas-tight housing.

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8 (original): A manufacturing method according to Claim 7 wherein said first step comprises forming a mixture consisting of a desiccant and a resin component to provide said preformed moisture-absorbing body.

9 (previously added): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyacrylic acids or esters, polyacrylonitrile, polyamides, polyesters, epoxy resins and polycarbonates.

10 (previously added): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polybutadiene and polyisoprene.

11 (previously added): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 30 to 85 weight % and that of said resin component is about 70 to 15 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

12 (previously added): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 40 to 80 weight % and that of said resin component is about 60 to 20 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

13 (previously added): An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 50 to 70 weight % and that of said resin component is about 50 to 30 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

14 (new): An organic EL device according to Claim 9 wherein said resin component is polyolefin.

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